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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CORAL SEA PARTICIPANT

REF: A. CANBERRA 2429 (NOTAL); B. MOSER/HARROP TELCON 4/25;

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1. AS RESULT OF STRONG DEMARCHE BY FONSEC RENOUF, APR 24;
ON NEED FOR "SPECIAL GUEST" FROM US, DEPARTMENT DECIDED
APRIL 25 TO MAKE EFFORT TO PROVIDE A GUEST. ADMIRAL (RET.)
BARNARD A. CLAREY IS CANDIDATE.

2. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH UNDER SECRETARY SISCO AND ASST.
SEC. INGERSOLL ON APRIL 24, AUSTRALIAN FONSEC ALAN RENOUF
EMPHASIZED THAT WHILE HE COULD SEE US LOGIC IN NOT SENDING
A CABINET-LEVEL GUEST DURING ELECTION PERIOD, HE FEARED
POSSIBLE IMPAC IN AUSTRALIA OF US "FOR FIRST TIME SENDING
NO SPECIAL GUEST AT ALL." IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION,
RENOUF INDICATED RETIRED MILITARY MAN WOULD BE CONSIDERED
APPROPRIATE BY GOA. DEPARTMENT CONSEQUENTLY DECIDED TO
MAKE EFFORT TO PROVIDE SUCH A GUEST.

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3. INFORMAL CONTACT WITH ADM. CLAREY THROUGH CINCPAC POLAD INDICATES CLAREY LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE. AUSTRALIAN AMB. SIR PATRICK SHAW INFORMED OF ADM. CLAREY AVAILABILITY AND IS PURSUING APPROPRIATE INVITATIONS THROUGH DFA FROM AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ADM. AND MRS. CLAREY.

4. ADM. "CHICK" CLAREY IS FORMER VICE CNO AND CINCPAC FLEET. SERVED IN AUSTRALIA IN WORLD WAR II; HAS SON MARRIED TO DAUGHTER OF SENIOR AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMAT. FOUR STAR RANK; RESIDING IN HONOLULU.

5. EMBASSY CANBERRA REQUESTED, IN COOPERATION WITH DFA, TO PURSUE MATTER OF OBTAINING INVITATIONS EXPEDITIOUSLY. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO BEGIN PREPARATION OF APPROPRIATE SPEECHES, TOASTS, AND RELATED MATERIALS FOR ADM. CLAREY'S USE. DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO ADVISE NZ EMBASSY HERE OF CLAREY TRIP TO AUSTRALIA, BUT GIVEN NZ RELUCTANCE IN RESPECT TO EMPHASIZING MILITARY ASPECT OF ITS CELEBRATIONS, WE WILL MAKE NO REPEAT NO EFFORT TO SOLICIT A NZ INVITATION. (FYI: OFFICIAL USG GREETINGS ON OCCASION OF CORAL SEA CELEBRATIONS, ALONG LINES OF THOSE OF PREVIOUS YEARS, IN PREPARATION HERE.)

6. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATIVE OF EMBASSY CANBERRA EFFORTS, REPORTED REF A, TO WORK OUT ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. HOPEFULLY, HOWEVER, DESIGNATION OF ADM. CLAREY AS SPECIAL GUEST WILL MAKE THESE UNNECESSARY. KISSINGER

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